

Jane has over 14 years of experience as a governor in local authority schools in Lancashire, at both primary and secondary school levels. She has been Chair of Governors at a primary school for 12 years and more recently also became Chair at The Hollins, a secondary school, 4 years ago.

During this period of time, she has had a broad range of experience of committees.

These include:

Teaching and learning

Pupil welfare

Resources

Head teacher's appraisal

Exclusions

Staff discipline and dismissal

Policies

Pupil disciplinary panels

Jane was instrumental in The Hollins application to become a Teaching School and supported the Headteacher during the process. She is currently encouraging the primary school Headteacher in his application to become a Teaching School.

She is part of both schools' drive for school improvement and to raise the standards to ensure that every pupil reaches their full potential.

She ensures that there is monitoring and accountability across the schools and works to maintain the schools' vision, ethos and direction.

Jane has taken part in five Ofsted inspections as Chair of Governors and in all five the schools have been graded as Good, with governance being identified as a strength.

West End Primary had a short inspection in February 2018 which stated:

"Governors have an accurate and incisive view of all aspects of the school. This allows them to ask pertinent questions of leaders. They do not shy away from challenging leaders about all aspects of performance. This ensures that leaders make well-considered decisions. Governors also provide support for leaders. The healthy balance of challenge and support governors offer ensures that there is capacity for continual development."

The Hollins Ofsted report in Dec 2107 stated:

"Governors have supported and challenged school leaders to make the improvements identified at the time of the previous inspection successfully. For example, standards in English are now routinely good. Governors understand the school's strengths and weaker areas. Consequently, the educational performance of the school continues to improve."

"Governors' vision of high expectations and only the best standards for pupils at the school underpins the good teaching seen by inspectors."

Jane is involved in the appointment of staff in both primary and secondary schools and is able to talent spot. She has taken part in appointing a head teacher, senior and middle leaders as well as experienced teaching staff and NQT's

Jane attends training courses, Chairs forums and conferences and encourages all governors to attend courses as she highly values CPD for everyone. She has taken part in governor recruitment, training and retention.

Outside her role in Governance Jane has worked for over 29 years in the NHS as a podiatrist.